(b) what is the percentage of schools in Orissa that do not have school buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Construction of school buildings is primarily the responsibility of State Government/UT Administrations. However, under the Scheme of Operation Black Board, the Ministry of Rural Development releases funds for construction of primary school buildings on sharing basis. During 1997-98 and 1998-99, assistance to the tune of Rs.3268.51 lakhs and Rs.3959.00 lakhs respectively have been provided to States by that Ministry. During the same period, Rs.720.00 lakh and Rs.623.00 lakh have been provided to Orissa. Besides, funds are also available under the District Primary Education Programme which is currently in operation in 219 districts of the country including 8 districts in Orissa.

(b) As per the Sixth All-India Educational Survey (1993), 12.38% of schools in Orissa do not have pucca school buildings.

**Infrastructural requirements of Primary and Secondary Schools**

983. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the primary and secondary school infrastructure at present;

(b) what were the objectives of Operation Black Board Scheme;

(c) how far these have been achieved; and

(d) whether Government have got any time-bound programme to improve infrastructural requirements of our primary and secondary schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) As per the Sixth All-India Educational Survey Report 1993, 5,47,608 schools had pucca buildings, 1,58,226 had partly pucca buildings, 68,438 had kachcha buildings, 20,744 had thatched huts and 2,352 were operating in tents.



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(b) and (c) The scheme of Operation Black board which was launched in 1987-88, aims at providing essential facilities in all primary schools (existing as on 30.09.1986) in the country mainly with the provision of two class rooms, two teachers and teaching learning equipment. All targeted 5.23 lakh primary schools have been sanctioned teaching learning equipment under the scheme while 1.49 lakh posts of teachers were sanctioned for single teacher primary schools to make them two teachers schools. The scheme has been expanded during 1993-94 to provide third teacher/third classroom to primary schools where enrolment exceeds 100 and to cover upper primary schools with the provision of additional teacher and teaching learning equipment.

So far, 83,045 posts of third teacher have been sanctioned to primary schools with enrolment exceeding 100 and 75,504 posts of additional teachers sanctioned in the upper primary schools. Teaching learning equipment has been sanctioned to 1,27,257 upper primary schools. 1,82,381 additional rooms have been constructed by States/ UTs under the scheme.

(d) Provision for infrastructural facility is primarily made by State Governments/UT Administrations. Efforts are on under the scheme of Operation Black Board and District Primary Education Programme to provide necessary support. The proposed scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan also envisages improvement of school infrastructure.

**Central Schools in Rajasthan**

984. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Central schools have been established in Rajasthan and other States;

(b) whether Government intend to open more such schools in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, where and when?